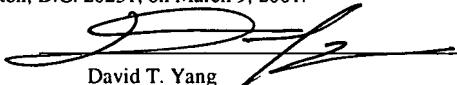


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2000 for which a response was due on December 13, 2000 and for which a three-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response March 13, 2001.